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The House convened at 1:00 p.m. with the Speaker in the Chair.

The invocation was offered by Representative Sue W. Scholer.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Representative Vern Tincher.

The Speaker ordered the roll of the House to be called:

T. Adams	Hoffman
Aguilera	Kersey
Alderman •	Klinker
Atterholt	Kromkowski
Avery	Kruse
Ayres	Kruzan •
Bardon •	Kuzman
Bauer	Lawson
Becker	Leuck •
Behning	Liggett
Bischoff	J. Lutz
Bodiker	Lytle
Bosma	Mahern
Bottorff	Mangus
C. Brown	Mannweiler •
T. Brown •	McClain
Buck	Mellinger
Budak	Mock
Buell	Moses
Burton	Munson
Cheney	Murphy
Cherry	Oxley
Cochran	Pelath
Cook •	Pond
Crawford	Porter
Crooks	Richardson
Crosby	Ripley
Day	Robertson
Denbo	Ruppel
Dickinson	Saunders
Dillon	Scholer
Dobis	M. Smith
Dumézich	V. Smith
Duncan	Steele
Dvorak	Stevenson
Espich	Stilwell
Foley	Sturtz
Frenz	Summers
Friend	Thompson
Frizzell	Tincher
Fry	Torr
GiaQuinta	Turner
Goeglein	Ulmer
Goodin	Weinzapfel
Grubb	Welch
Harris	Whetstone
Hasler	Wolkins
Herndon	D. Young
Herrell	Yount
Hinkle	Mr. Speaker

Roll Call 409: 93 present; 7 excused. The Speaker announced a quorum in attendance. [NOTE: • indicates those who were excused.]

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that when we do adjourn, we adjourn until Wednesday, March 14, 2001, at 1:00 p.m.

MELLINGER

Motion prevailed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed Senate Concurrent Resolutions 40, 52, and 53 and the same are herewith transmitted to the House for further action.

MARY C. MENDEL
Principal Secretary of the Senate

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

House Concurrent Resolution 45

Representative Liggett introduced House Concurrent Resolution 45:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing the Monroe Central High School Swing Choir from Parker City, Indiana.

Whereas, Swing choirs furnish challenging, enjoyable, and creative musical experiences that will enrich the lives of the choir members and the audiences;

Whereas, The Monroe Central High School Swing Choir has provided many hours of enjoyment to the members of the Indiana House of Representatives and Senate while performing for the General Assembly; and

Whereas, The performance by the Monroe Central High School Swing Choir provides a relaxing interlude in the hectic schedules of our Senators and Representatives: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to express its gratitude for the musical pleasure the Monroe Central High School has given to its members.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Monroe Central High School Swing Choir and its director.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution. Senate sponsor: Senator Paul.

House Concurrent Resolution 46

Representatives Becker, Hasler, and Weinzapfel introduced House Concurrent Resolution 46:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Evansville North High School Men's Golf Team (the "Huskies") for winning the 2000 IHSAA State Championship.

Whereas, The North High School Huskies won the first boys' state golf tournament title in Evansville history with a final-round 305;

Whereas, This championship is the Huskies second state championship in a team sport;

Whereas, The Huskies fired a 36-hole total of 608. Their score

was nine strokes better than second-place Carmel;

Whereas, The Huskies championship score is the fifth-lowest score in the 64-year history of the state tournament and it is also the second lowest score at the tourney since they started playing at Prestwick Country Club in 1987;

Whereas, The Huskies defended their No. 1 ranking, remaining unbeaten throughout the season;

Whereas, The Huskies' score was the state's best score in the regional for the second year in a row;

Whereas, The team members are as follows: Alex Abbott, Mike Birkenfeld, Kyle Brinker, Nick Dus, Adam Gann, Blair Hanni, Jason Jones, Dan Neumann, Jeff Overton, Jonathan Scully, Zachary Smith and coach, Larry Tindle; and

Whereas, Everyone on the team played consistently: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors the North High School Men's Golf Team for winning the 2000 IHSA State Championship.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the Indiana House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to coach Larry Tindle and team members Alex Abbott, Mike Birkenfeld, Kyle Brinker, Nick Dus, Adam Gann, Blair Hanni, Jason Jones, Dan Neumann, Jeff Overton, Jonathan Scully and Zachary Smith and also the principal of Evansville North High School.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution. Senate sponsor: Senator Server.

House Concurrent Resolution 47

Representative Grubb introduced House Concurrent Resolution 47:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating Cara Cunningham on her selection as Miss Indiana State Fair 2001.

Whereas, The selection of Cara Cunningham as Miss Indiana State Fair 2001 marks the first time a Fountain County resident will reign as the State Fair Queen in the 43-year history of the contest;

Whereas, As part of her duties as Miss Indiana State Fair 2001, Cara will visit over 30 county fairs, festivals, and queen pageants promoting the Indiana State Fair and will serve as the Official Hostess of the State Fair;

Whereas, Cara is a sophomore at Ball State University where she is working toward a double major in telecommunications and exercise science and wellness;

Whereas, Upon graduation, Cara plans to pursue a career in exercise media;

Whereas, Cara is an excellent student, maintaining a 3.4 grade point average;

Whereas, During her high school years, Cara, a 1999 graduate of Covington High School, was an outstanding student both academically and athletically;

Whereas, Cara was a varsity cheerleader and participated in volleyball and tennis for four years;

Whereas, As a tennis player, Cara achieved all conference status three years and in her senior year she was All-Bi-County, Most Valuable Player, and Tennis Academic All State;

Whereas, Cara received the Mental Attitude award in volleyball during her senior year and the Leroy P. Keeling Commitment Award for participating in a sport for each of the 12 high school seasons;

Whereas, Equally impressive academically, Cara was a member of the National Honor Society; French, Spanish, and Latin clubs; and Fellowship of Christian Athletes;

Whereas, In addition to her impressive academic and athletic accomplishments, Cara participated in Fountain County 4-H for ten years and received the Silver Award in Girl Scouting; and

Whereas, Cara Cunningham will be an excellent representative for the Indiana State Fair throughout her reign: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly congratulates Cara Cunningham on her selection as Miss Indiana State Fair 2001.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Cara Cunningham and her parents, Jim and Jean Cunningham.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution. Senate sponsor: Senator Harrison.

House Concurrent Resolution 48

Representative Crooks introduced House Concurrent Resolution 48:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating the Pike County School Corporation on recently being named one of the 100 Best School Districts in the United States by the Wall Street Journal and Offspring magazine.

Whereas, The Pike County School Corporation, located between Evansville, Vincennes, and Jasper, Indiana, was recently named one of the 100 Best School Districts in the United States by the Wall Street Journal and Offspring magazine;

Whereas, The Pike County School Corporation was chosen for this honor from among 17,000 school systems nationwide;

Whereas, The selection of the Pike County School Corporation was based on information gathered in a survey conducted by an independent research firm on data based on the 1998-1999 school year, including SAT scores, percentage of the high school student body taking college entrance exams, ISTEP and standardized test scores, community living costs, local property values, and expenditure per student on academics;

Whereas, This honor is even greater when coupled with the fact that approximately five years ago, faced with dismal standardized test scores, the Pike County School Corporation developed and implemented a district wide plan to improve scores at all grade levels;

Whereas, The plan was enormously successful. There has been a dramatic increase in standardized test scores, renewed enthusiasm among the teaching staff, and a greater appreciation of the educational system;

Whereas, The Pike County School Corporation has about 2,200 students and 140 teachers for three elementary schools, a middle school, and a high school;

Whereas, Due to the increased efforts of the teachers and administrators of the Pike County School Corporation, students have begun to more fully realize the value of an excellent education and the improvements it will bring to their quality of life; and

Whereas, Educational accomplishments such as this deserve special recognition: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to congratulate the Pike County School Corporation on recently being named one of the 100 Best School Districts in the United States by the Wall Street Journal and Offspring magazine.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Dr. Glenn Riggs, the superintendent of instruction, and Dr. Michael L. Harding, the assistant superintendent of instruction of Pike County School Corporation.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the

resolution. Senate sponsor: Senator Hume.

House Concurrent Resolution 49

Representative Foley introduced House Concurrent Resolution 49:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating the Martinsville High School Academic Decathlon team, Martinsville, Indiana, for winning its fourth consecutive large school academic decathlon state title.

Whereas, The Martinsville High School Academic Decathlon team recently won its fourth consecutive large school state academic decathlon title, earning the team the right to advance to the national competition to be held in Anchorage, Alaska;

Whereas, The Martinsville team won the large school division with a total of 36,526 points, nearly 1,000 points higher than the second place team;

Whereas, This year's victory was truly a team effort with each member of the Martinsville team winning at least one individual medal;

Whereas, The individual winners in this year's competition are Beth Fulmer, gold in economics, silver in art and essay, and bronze in interview; Kellie Packwood, silver in music and bronze in art; Ryan Greenwood, bronze in essay and overall individual scholastic division; Josh Pencek, gold in music, silver in art, and silver in literature; Chris Kempe, silver in literature and bronze in science; Wes Miller, gold in science and art, silver in overall individual and varsity division, and bronze in music; Beth Metheny, gold in interview, gold in music and literature, and bronze in economics; and Chris Sturgeon, silver in economics;

Whereas, The 2001 Martinsville team had the highest overall score in four of the ten events and placed first overall in science, art, music and essay, second overall in literature, economics, speech and superquiz, and third overall in interview;

Whereas, Coach Babbitt expressed his great appreciation to the community for the tremendous support provided to the team, including teachers, parents, and community members who donated their time so freely to help the team prepare for this year's competition;

Whereas, The academic decathlon requires dedication and sacrifice to attain one's goals; each of these young people is an excellent role model for children and adults alike; and

Whereas, The people of Indiana take great pride in the academic accomplishments of the students of our state: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the Senate concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to congratulate the Martinsville High School Academic Decathlon team on its fourth state large school academic decathlon title and to wish the team continued success in the future.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Chris Kempe, Kellie Packwood, Beth Fulmer, Beth Metheny, Ryan Greenwood, Josh Pencek, Chris Sturgeon, and Wes Miller, the members of the Martinsville High School Academic Decathlon team, Coach Wayne Babbitt, the principal of Martinsville High School, and the superintendent.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution. Senate sponsor: Senator Bray.

House Concurrent Resolution 50

Representative Foley introduced House Concurrent Resolution 50:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring the Martinsville High School Girls Golf Team ("Lady Arties") for winning the 2000 IHSAA State Championship.

Whereas, This state championship is the sixth straight title for the

Lady Artesians;

Whereas, The Lady Arties have won nine titles in the past ten years;

Whereas, Despite the obstacles the Lady Arties faced throughout the summer and into the season, they never ceased to work hard to improve their game;

Whereas, The Lady Arties were six strokes back heading into the final round and instead of taking time to relax, they went to the hitting range to practice;

Whereas, Although the Lady Arties faced a strong head wind going in to the finishing holes, they continued to exceed their opponents with superior athletic performance;

Whereas, The members of the team are as follows: Erin Clossey, Sarah Bires, Donya Stipcak, Carmen Bodine, Erica Poe, Kristin Roe, Stephanie Turner and Ashlie Rose; and

Whereas, Ashlie Rose and Stephanie Turner were selected to the 2000 All-State Team for great play in the finals and throughout the season; and

Whereas, According to the Lady Arties coach, Sharon Most, "it was truly a team effort for them to come from behind-they handled themselves brilliantly. They played with the composure and calm that I had talked about all season...I am so proud of their efforts.": Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the Senate concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors the Martinsville High School Girls' Varsity Golf Team for winning the 2000 IHSAA State Championship.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the Indiana House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Coach Sharon Most and team members Erin Clossey, Sarah Bires, Donya Stipcak, Carmen Bodine, Erica Poe, Kristin Roe, Stephanie Turner and Ashlie Rose, and the Principal of Martinsville High School.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution. Senate sponsor: Senator Bray.

House Concurrent Resolution 51

Representative Foley introduced House Concurrent Resolution 51:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Jan Conner, head basketball coach for the Martinsville High School, Martinsville, Indiana, girls basketball team on the occasion of her retirement from coaching.

Whereas, Jan Conner has coached the Martinsville High School girls basketball team since 1995 and led the team to state championships in 1997 and 1998;

Whereas, Jan Conner has amassed a high school coaching record of 440-71 with 16 sectional, nine regional, and four semistate championships;

Whereas, Jan began her coaching career in 1975 at Warren Central High School in Indianapolis after graduating from Indiana State University in 1974;

Whereas, When Jan arrived at Martinsville High School in 1995, the Artesians were considered an up and coming basketball team but lacked discipline;

Whereas, Under Jan's tutelage, Martinsville had a record of 16-4 her first season;

Whereas, Although Jan is sometimes criticized for being a very intense coach, she works tirelessly for her players and is always willing to go the "extra mile" even to the extent of using her own money to purchase T-shirts or needed equipment;

Whereas, Jan Conner is an outstanding athlete in her own right, witnessed by her induction into the Indiana State University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000;

Whereas, But all good things must come to an end, and Jan Conner will retire from coaching at the end of the 2000-2001 season: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the Senate concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to congratulate Jan Conner on the occasion of her retirement from coaching and to recognize her many contributions to the girls basketball program in Indiana and the many valuable lessons she has passed on to her players throughout the years.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Jan Conner.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution. Senate sponsor: Senator Bray.

House Concurrent Resolution 52

Representatives Robertson and Cochran introduced House Concurrent Resolution 52:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring the students of the Floyd Central High School Theater Department, Floyds Knobs, Indiana, for their selection to perform in the Edinburgh Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Whereas, The award-winning Floyd Central High School Theater Department, Floyds Knobs, Indiana, has received another prestigious honor;

Whereas, Floyd Central is the only Indiana school, and one of only 24 high schools in the United States, selected to perform at the internationally acclaimed Edinburgh Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland;

Whereas, The Edinburgh Festival, which was established in 1947, is the largest performing arts festival in the world with yearly attendance of more than half a million people;

Whereas, In performing at the Edinburgh Festival, the Floyd Central students will be in very good company; Placido Domingo, Rudolph Nureyev, Marlene Dietrich, T.S. Eliot, Maggie Smith, Richard Burton, Tom Stoppard, John Cleese, Jane Alexander, and Emma Thompson have performed there in the past;

Whereas, The Floyd Central High School Theater Department will perform the play "Once On This Island", a play the students will also perform for the International Thespian Society representatives to qualify for a possible appearance at the International Thespian Festival;

Whereas, The honor of being chosen to perform at the Edinburgh Festival adds to a long list of awards and honors given to the theater department of Floyd Central High School that includes a Signature Grammy Award in 1999 and several appearances at the International Thespian Festival beginning in 1983; and

Whereas, It is fitting that a school whose mascot is a Highlander should represent our state in the country that is the home of the original Highlanders: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the Senate concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to recognize the honor bestowed on the theater department of Floyd Central High School in its selection to represent the state of Indiana at the Edinburgh Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Chris Bundy, the theater director at Floyd Central High School, the principal of Floyd Central High School, and the superintendent of the New Albany-Floyd County Consolidated School Corporation.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the

resolution. Senate sponsor: Senator Sipes.

House Concurrent Resolution 53

Representative Whetstone introduced House Concurrent Resolution 53:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Barbara Ford, Hendricks County Assessor.

Whereas, Barbara Ford has served two terms as the Hendricks County Assessor;

Whereas, Barbara Ford has attained the status of a Level II Assessor in Indiana;

Whereas, She is the wife of Joe Neher and the mother of Andrew Ford;

Whereas, Prior to being elected County Assessor, she served two terms on the Hendricks County Council where she was President of that body;

Whereas, Barbara Ford has been the Vice-President of the County Assessor's Association for the past four years;

Whereas, The Annual Conference of the Association of Indiana Counties (AIC) is the largest gathering of county officials in the State of Indiana; and

Whereas, At the 42nd Annual Conference of the Association of Indiana Counties (AIC), Barbara Ford was named "Outstanding County Assessor": Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the Senate concurring:

SECTION 1. The Indiana General Assembly congratulates Barbara Ford for her service to the State of Indiana and for her recent selection as "Outstanding County Assessor."

SECTION 2. The Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Barbara Ford

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution. Senate sponsor: Senator C. Lawson.

House Concurrent Resolution 54

Representative Foley introduced House Concurrent Resolution 54:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating John Price, Johnson County highway director, on being named Highway Supervisor of the Year.

Whereas, John Price is the best highway director in the state of Indiana as witnessed by his being named Highway Supervisor of the Year by the Indiana Association of County Commissioners;

Whereas, John Price has garnered praise from the Commissioners for all aspects of his job, but they were particularly impressed with his organizational skills and his oversight of the county's fleet management program; Whereas, Through his diligence, John has saved Johnson County more than \$130,000 in labor costs, more than \$30,000 in parts by comparing the costs of contracting with an outside firm to repair and maintain the county's vehicles, and nearly \$70,000 on vehicle purchases;

Whereas, The Commissioners also praised John for his participation on the East/West Corridor Committee and his maintenance of Johnson County's 607 miles of roads; and

Whereas, Public servants such as John Price set shining examples of good governmental practices that should be followed by all government employees: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the Senate concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to congratulate John Price on being named Highway Supervisor of the Year by the Indiana Association of County Commissioners and to thank him for his diligence and conscientiousness in the execution of

his duties as Johnson County highway director.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to John Price.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution. Senate sponsors: Senators Garton, Borst, and Miller.

House Concurrent Resolution 55

Representatives Kruse, Bosma, Turner, Ayres, T. Adams, Klinker, Duncan, Buck, Friend, Ripley, M. Smith, Pond, Budak, Becker, Torr, D. Young, McClain, Hinkle, Ruppel, Mangus, Herndon, Dillon, Cherry, Dumezich, Steele, Mannweiler, Bodiker, Atterholt, Oxley, Welch, Stevenson, Goodin, Kersey, Dickinson, Liggett, Harris, GiaQuinta, V. Smith, Tincher, and Moses introduced House Concurrent Resolution 55:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing the National Day of Prayer.

Whereas, Prayer to Almighty God is considered by millions of people to be the most important utterance of a person for the benefit of humanity;

Whereas, Our nation was founded by single-minded individuals seeking wisdom and guidance through prayer to God, who hears our prayers;

Whereas, Prayer in 1620 safely guided the Mayflower with the Pilgrims to a new world, in 1623 saved the Pilgrim fathers from starvation, and in 1777 at Valley Forge saved the Continental Army and won the war for American independence;

Whereas, It is fitting that we should give thanks for the freedom and prosperity our nation and state enjoy and to pray for the continued guidance and comfort that God has graciously bestowed upon this nation since its inception;

Whereas, The National Day of Prayer is a time set aside for Americans to pray to their heavenly Father and to reaffirm the spiritual principles upon which our nation was founded;

Whereas, The state of Indiana and the United States of America can and will benefit from prayer by its faithful and prayerful residents;

Whereas, In the Holy Word of God we are given these words of encouragement in II Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land"; and

Whereas, Across our land on May 6 Americans will unite at specific times in prayer for our nation and state to acknowledge our dependence upon God, to give thanks for the many blessings our country has received from God, to recognize our need for personal and corporate renewal of moral values and to invoke God's blessing upon our leaders: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the Senate concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly, in recognition of May 6 as the National Day of Prayer, designates May 6 as Day of Prayer in Indiana and invites all residents to pray with diligence and obedience and seek the face of Almighty God to direct our paths in the days and years ahead until His return.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Sandra Knapton and Dot Ward of the National Day of Prayer.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution. Senate sponsor: Senator K. Adams.

House Resolution 31

Representatives Gregg, Grubb, Kersey, and Tincher introduced House Resolution 31:

A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring Blessed Mother Theodore Guerin.

Whereas, Blessed Mother Theodore Guerin came to pioneer Indiana from her native country France in 1840 with five other sisters at the request of the bishop of Vincennes to teach the children of the pioneers and established a home for the Sisters of Providence northwest of Terre Haute;

Whereas, Blessed Mother Theodore Guerin established a school for girls that would eventually become St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, the oldest Catholic liberal arts college for women in the United States;

Whereas, Blessed Mother Theodore Guerin was committed to quality education. As part of this commitment, Blessed Mother Theodore Guerin and the Sisters of Providence established schools in Jasper, Vincennes and Fort Wayne;

Whereas, Blessed Mother Theodore Guerin has been beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1998, which makes her one step away from sainthood in the Roman Catholic Church; and

Whereas, The Sisters of Providence remain committed to living the virtues of love, mercy and justice. The Sisters of Providence minister to the people of western Indiana through adult education, medical assistance, home rehabilitation, and food service programs for the underprivileged: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That Blessed Mother Theodore Guerin, foundress of the Sisters of Providence of St. Mary-of-the-Woods, be honored for her contributions to the State of Indiana.

SECTION 2. That the Department of Transportation be urged to name a portion of US 150 in western Indiana in honor of Blessed Mother Theodore Guerin.

SECTION 3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Sisters of Providence, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote.

House Resolution 33

Representative Ulmer introduced House Resolution 33:

A RESOLUTION congratulating John Cole on his victory in the Scholastic Chess of Indiana Championship.

Whereas, Scholastic chess combines educational and social activities;

Whereas, Chess offers many educational benefits, including improvement of critical and abstract thinking, planning, logic, and analysis;

Whereas, Chess helps students to improve their ability to concentrate and to learn the values of good sportsmanship;

Whereas, John Cole has learned these lessons well. In 1998, he won the 9th Grade and Under Division of the Scholastic Chess of Indiana Championship;

Whereas, On Saturday, January 27, 2001, John Cole won the Scholastic Chess of Indiana Championship, winning all five matches in the high school division; and

Whereas, Accomplishments such as these deserve special recognition: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to congratulate John Cole on his victory in the Scholastic Chess of Indiana Championship and to wish him the best in future competitions.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to John Cole and his family.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote.

House Resolution 34

Representatives Stilwell, Crooks, and Frenz introduced House Resolution 34:

A RESOLUTION commemorating the 39th celebration of John L. Lewis Day.

Whereas, Coal miners and widows from across Southern Indiana gather annually on April 1 to celebrate John L. Lewis Day;

Whereas, John L. Lewis was the tireless leader of the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) from the early 1900s until his death in 1969;

Whereas, Coal miners and their families have endured great sacrifices mining coal so that Americans may have affordable energy and plentiful electricity;

Whereas, It is proper and fitting that the Indiana House of Representatives recognize the celebration of John L. Lewis Day and our state's coal miners, both past and present, for their contributions to our state;

Whereas, The Indiana House of Representatives wishes to commend the retired miners of the UMWA, and particularly Roger T. Myers, for their unselfish and continued efforts in keeping the John L. Lewis Day celebration an ongoing celebration of all Indiana miners; and

Whereas, April 1 is an annual miners' holiday celebrating the history of the UMWA and the men and women who have sacrificed much for their union and the coal industry: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives recognizes the 39th annual John L. Lewis Day and offers all of our state's coal miners, retired miners, and their widows a hearty thank you for their sacrifices in making our state a better place.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote.

House Resolution 35

Representative Weinzapfel introduced House Resolution 35:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Cynthia Heights Elementary School on its selection as a Four Star School Award winner.

Whereas, The Four Star School Award is presented by Dr. Suellen Reed, state superintendent of public instruction, to recognize top performing Indiana schools;

Whereas, Schools receiving the award must meet all levels of expected performance under the state's performance-based accreditation system and rank in the top 25 percent among Indiana schools in each of four areas: total performance on ISTEP+ (Indiana Statewide Testing for Education Progress), language arts scores on ISTEP+, mathematics scores on ISTEP+, and attendance rates;

Whereas, The students and teachers of Cynthia Heights School received this honor because of their hard word, dedication to improvement, and a strong desire to learn;

Whereas, The success of their school can be credited to the efforts of the principal, teachers, staff, students, and parents working together in a unified effort to maintain the high level of competency at their school;

Whereas, Dr. Suellen Reed called the Four Star School Awards "marks of distinction for which everyone at each Four Star School can take great pride"; and

Whereas, Schools such as Cynthia Heights Elementary School make a strong statement about the quality of the teachers and the high scholastic standards that exist in Hoosier schools: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to congratulate the students and teachers of Cynthia Heights

Elementary School on their Four Star School Award and on the effort put forth by the students, teachers, and parents in obtaining this award and to urge them to continue to strive for excellence in education throughout their lives.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the principal of Cynthia Heights Elementary School.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote.

House Resolution 36

Representative Weinzapfel introduced House Resolution 36:

A HOUSE RESOLUTION congratulating West Terrace Elementary School on its selection as a Four Star School Award winner.

Whereas, The Four Star School Award is presented by Dr. Suellen Reed, state superintendent of public instruction, to recognize top performing Indiana schools;

Whereas, Schools receiving the award must meet all levels of expected performance under the state's performance-based accreditation system and rank in the top 25 percent among Indiana schools in each of four areas: total performance on ISTEP+ (Indiana Statewide Testing for Education Progress), language arts scores on ISTEP+, mathematics scores on ISTEP+, and attendance rates;

Whereas, The students and teachers of West Terrace Elementary School received this honor because of their hard word, dedication to improvement, and a strong desire to learn;

Whereas, The success of their school can be credited to the efforts of the principal, teachers, staff, students, and parents working together in a unified effort to maintain the high level of competency at their school;

Whereas, Dr. Suellen Reed called the Four Star School Awards "marks of distinction for which everyone at each Four Star School can take great pride"; and

Whereas, Schools such as West Terrace Elementary School make a strong statement about the quality of the teachers and the high scholastic standards that exist in Hoosier schools: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to congratulate the students and teachers of West Terrace Elementary School on their Four Star School Award and on the effort put forth by the students, teachers, and parents in obtaining this award and to urge them to continue to strive for excellence in education throughout their lives.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the principal of West Terrace Elementary School.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote.

House Resolution 37

Representative Weinzapfel introduced House Resolution 37:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Marrs Elementary School on its selection as a Four Star School Award winner.

Whereas, The Four Star School Award is presented by Dr. Suellen Reed, state superintendent of public instruction, to recognize top performing Indiana schools;

Whereas, Schools receiving the award must meet all levels of expected performance under the state's performance-based accreditation system and rank in the top 25 percent among Indiana schools in each of four areas: total performance on ISTEP+ (Indiana Statewide Testing for Education Progress), language arts scores on ISTEP+, mathematics scores on ISTEP+, and attendance rates;

Whereas, The students and teachers of Marrs Elementary School received this honor because of their hard word, dedication to improvement, and a strong desire to learn;

Whereas, The success of their school can be credited to the efforts of the principal, teachers, staff, students, and parents working together in a unified effort to maintain the high level of competency at their school;

Whereas, Dr. Suellen Reed called the Four Star School Awards "marks of distinction for which everyone at each Four Star School can take great pride"; and

Whereas, Schools such as Marrs Elementary School make a strong statement about the quality of the teachers and the high scholastic standards that exist in Hoosier schools: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to congratulate the students and teachers of Marrs Elementary School on their Four Star School Award and on the effort put forth by the students, teachers, and parents in obtaining this award and to urge them to continue to strive for excellence in education throughout their lives.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the principal of Marrs Elementary School.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote.

House Resolution 38

Representative Weinzapfel introduced House Resolution 38:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Mt. Vernon High School on its selection as a Four Star School Award winner.

Whereas, The Four Star School Award is presented by Dr. Suellen Reed, state superintendent of public instruction, to recognize top performing Indiana schools;

Whereas, Schools receiving the award must meet all levels of expected performance under the state's performance-based accreditation system and rank in the top 25 percent among Indiana schools in each of four areas: total performance on ISTEP+ (Indiana Statewide Testing for Education Progress), language arts scores on ISTEP+, mathematics scores on ISTEP+, and attendance rates;

Whereas, The students and teachers of Mt. Vernon High School received this honor because of their hard word, dedication to improvement, and a strong desire to learn;

Whereas, The success of their school can be credited to the efforts of the principal, teachers, staff, students, and parents working together in a unified effort to maintain the high level of competency at their school;

Whereas, Dr. Suellen Reed called the Four Star School Awards "marks of distinction for which everyone at each Four Star School can take great pride"; and

Whereas, Schools such as Mt. Vernon High School make a strong statement about the quality of the teachers and the high scholastic standards that exist in Hoosier schools: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to congratulate the students and teachers of Mt. Vernon High School on their Four Star School Award and on the effort put forth by the students, teachers, and parents in obtaining this award and to urge them to continue to strive for excellence in education throughout their lives.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the principal of Mt. Vernon High School.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote.

House Resolution 39

Representative Weinzapfel introduced House Resolution 39:

A RESOLUTION congratulating North Posey Junior High School on its selection as a Four Star School Award winner.

Whereas, The Four Star School Award is presented by Dr. Suellen Reed, state superintendent of public instruction, to recognize top performing Indiana schools;

Whereas, Schools receiving the award must meet all levels of expected performance under the state's performance-based accreditation system and rank in the top 25 percent among Indiana schools in each of four areas: total performance on ISTEP+ (Indiana Statewide Testing for Education Progress), language arts scores on ISTEP+, mathematics scores on ISTEP+, and attendance rates;

Whereas, The students and teachers of North Posey Junior High School received this honor because of their hard word, dedication to improvement, and a strong desire to learn;

Whereas, The success of their school can be credited to the efforts of the principal, teachers, staff, students, and parents working together in a unified effort to maintain the high level of competency at their school;

Whereas, Dr. Suellen Reed called the Four Star School Awards "marks of distinction for which everyone at each Four Star School can take great pride"; and

Whereas, Schools such as North Posey Junior High School make a strong statement about the quality of the teachers and the high scholastic standards that exist in Hoosier schools: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to congratulate the students and teachers of North Posey Junior High School on their Four Star School Award and on the effort put forth by the students, teachers, and parents in obtaining this award and to urge them to continue to strive for excellence in education throughout their lives.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the principal of North Posey Junior High School.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote.

House Resolution 40

Representative Weinzapfel introduced House Resolution 40:

A RESOLUTION congratulating South Terrace Elementary School on its selection as a Four Star School Award winner.

Whereas, The Four Star School Award is presented by Dr. Suellen Reed, state superintendent of public instruction, to recognize top performing Indiana schools;

Whereas, Schools receiving the award must meet all levels of expected performance under the state's performance-based accreditation system and rank in the top 25 percent among Indiana schools in each of four areas: total performance on ISTEP+ (Indiana Statewide Testing for Education Progress), language arts scores on ISTEP+, mathematics scores on ISTEP+, and attendance rates;

Whereas, The students and teachers of South Terrace Elementary School received this honor because of their hard word, dedication to improvement, and a strong desire to learn;

Whereas, The success of their school can be credited to the efforts of the principal, teachers, staff, students, and parents working together in a unified effort to maintain the high level of competency at their school;

Whereas, Dr. Suellen Reed called the Four Star School Awards "marks of distinction for which everyone at each Four Star School can take great pride"; and

Whereas, Schools such as South Terrace Elementary School make a strong statement about the quality of the teachers and the high scholastic standards that exist in Hoosier schools: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to congratulate the students and teachers of South Terrace Elementary School on their Four Star School Award and on the effort put forth by the students, teachers, and parents in obtaining this award and to urge them to continue to strive for excellence in education throughout their lives.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the principal of South Terrace Elementary School.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote.

House Resolution 41

Representatives Pelath and Budak introduced House Resolution 41:

A RESOLUTION urging the Indiana department of transportation to rename the overpass on U.S. Highway 35 in LaPorte, Indiana, in honor of former Secretary of State Edwin J. Simcox.

Whereas, It is the sense of the Indiana House of Representatives that the overpass on U.S. Highway 35 in LaPorte, Indiana, be named the Edwin J. Simcox overpass;

Whereas, Edwin J. Simcox, of LaPorte, Indiana, served as secretary of state of Indiana from 1978 through 1986, culminating a colorful and successful career as an elected official in service to his community and his state;

Whereas, While serving as secretary of state, Edwin J. Simcox was appointed by President Ronald Reagan to the Peace Corp Advisory Council;

Whereas, Before serving as secretary of state, Edwin J. Simcox nobly served the state as the secretary of the Indiana Republican State Committee;

Whereas, Upon leaving office, Edwin J. Simcox became president of the Indiana Electrical Association;

Whereas, Edwin J. Simcox is not simply interested in the governmental and financial well-being of his community and his state, he also works to better the spiritual environment of our state as witness by his being named the crusade chairman for the 1999 Billy Graham Crusade in Indiana; and

Whereas, It is, therefore, fitting that proper signage be placed on the overpass on U. S. Highway 35 through LaPorte, Indiana, designating it as the Edwin J. Simcox overpass: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That in recognition of the many achievements of Edwin J. Simcox and his outstanding service to the state of Indiana and the LaPorte community, the Indiana General Assembly urges the Indiana department of transportation to designate the overpass on U.S. Highway 35 in LaPorte, Indiana, in honor of Edwin J. Simcox.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of Edwin J. Simcox and the commissioner of the Indiana department of transportation.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote.

House Resolution 42

Representative Stilwell introduced House Resolution 42:

A RESOLUTION urging the United States Postal Service to issue a coal miners postage stamp.

Whereas, Our nation owes coal miners a great deal more than we could ever repay them for the difficult and dangerous job that they perform so that we may have the fuel we need to operate our industries and to heat our homes; and

Whereas, It would be proper and fitting for our nation to recognize coal miners, both past and present, for their contributions

to this nation: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives urges the United States Postal Service to issue a postage stamp to honor coal miners and to commemorate their contributions to our nation and its citizens.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to the United States Postal Service, the Speaker of the United State House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, and the members of the Indiana congressional delegation.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote.

House Resolution 43

Representatives Hinkle, Atterholt, and Behning introduced House Resolution 43:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the 2001 Class 4A girls basketball state champions, the Ben Davis High School Lady Giants from Indianapolis.

Whereas, On Saturday, March 3, 2001, at Conseco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis, the Ben Davis High School Lady Giants became the 2001 Class 4A girls basketball state champions;

Whereas, The Lady Giants went ended the 2001 regular season with a 27–2 record and 12 consecutive victories;

Whereas, The Class 4A state championship game ended with the Ben Davis Lady Giants successfully defending their title with a 69–45 victory over Fort Wayne Snider;

Whereas, Ashley Allen and Shyra Ely combined for 39 points to help the third-ranked Giants retain possession of the Class 4A state title;

Whereas, In addition to her 20 points, Ashley Allen established a new state finals record with nine steals;

Whereas, Senior Shyra Ely's 19 points brought her career scoring total to 2,004 points, making the University of Tennessee recruit the 16th Indiana girl, and the first from Indianapolis, to reach 2,000 career points;

Whereas, Ely is one of the 10 finalists for the Naismith Award for National Player of the Year and has been selected to participate in the WBCA All-American Game to be held April 7 in Hartford, Connecticut;

Whereas, The key to this year's victory was defense, especially in the third quarter, when the Lady Giants' intense defense caused 10 turnovers that led to a 23–2 run to break open a one-point game; and

Whereas, Teamwork, outstanding coaching, a good set of play plans, athleticism, and an inner spirit to win all contributed to achieving a 27–2 season capped off by winning the state championship: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to congratulate the Ben Davis High School Lady Giants on winning the 2001 Class 4A girls basketball state championship.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the members of the Ben Davis High School girls basketball team: Amber Johnson, Adrienne Jones, Ashley Allen, Janese Banks, Megan Jones, Kristin Van Valin, Shatonia Gilbert, Shannon Schwettman, Shyra Ely, Allie Holok, Jessica Fetterman, Jennifer Poindexter, Kourtney Crawford, Jessica Tucker, Kristyn Cox, Jacquie Ritchie, and Sara Strahm; student managers Shannon Price and Reena Patel; student trainers Jessica Latimer, Staci Latimer, and Ryan Fequay; trainer Heather McGowan; assistant coaches Dexter Suggs, Terry Strahm, Kevin Vanderbush, and Lisa Finn; head coach Stan Benge; assistant athletic director Doug Opel; athletic director Priscilla Dillow; principal Dr.

James Mifflin; and superintendent Dr. Terry Thompson.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote.

House Resolution 44

Representatives D. Young and Turner introduced House Resolution 44:

A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring the members of the Marion Giants High School varsity basketball team for winning the 2000 I.H.S.A.A. Class 4A State Boys Basketball Tournament.

Whereas, By virtue of their hard work, talent and discipline, the following students of Marion High School became members of the 2000 Giants varsity basketball team: Isaac McClung, Todd Chin, Reggie Nevels, Mark Sears, Jonathan Williams, Adam Halverson, Josh Peters, Ian Swyers, Allen Miller, Matt Backs, Zach Randolph, Kevin Cates and Jeremy Rees;

Whereas, The remarkable achievements of the Giants program were enabled not only by the talent and effort of the student members, but also by the inspired leadership of their coaching staff and teachers, led by Coach Moe Smedley and Assistant Coaches, Jerry Townsend and Chris Smedley, by the support, management and student training provided by Danny Boxell, Fred Taylor, Adam Burggraf and Ryan Johnson, by the organizational backing of the entire administration of Marion High School and by the generous volunteer support provided by the parents, other relatives and friends of these championship students; and

Whereas, The dedication, talent and hard work of the following members has been recognized by these honors: Todd Chin's acceptance to Indiana Wesleyan University, Adam Halverson's acceptance to Indiana University, Matt Backs' acceptance to Elon College, Reggie Nevels' naming to the All North Central Conference and acceptance to West Point, Allen Miller named to All North Central Conference and Zach Randolph named to the Indiana All-Star Team, the Junior National Team, the All North Central Conference and the recipient of the McDonald's All-American Game MVP Award and acceptance to Michigan State University; and

Whereas, the discipline, efforts and developed talents achieved by the members of this program will remain valuable enhancements to the quality of their lives; Therefore:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the House of Representatives of the Indiana General Assembly congratulates the program of the Giants of Marion High School on its Class 4A Boys State Basketball tourney championship.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the Indiana House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to each coach and member of the Marion High School Giants 2000 varsity boys basketball team.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote.

House Resolution 47

Representatives Hinkle, Atterholt, and Behning introduced House Resolution 47:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the 2000 Class 4A girls basketball state champions, the Ben Davis High School Lady Giants.

Whereas, On Saturday, March 4, 2000, the Ben Davis High School Lady Giants became the 2000 Class 4A girls basketball state champions;

Whereas, The Lady Giants went through the entire 2000 regular season and the Indiana High School Athletic Association's tournament series without ever having tasted the agony of defeat;

Whereas, The Class 4A state championship game was a nail biter with Ben Davis defeating Valparaiso 56-53 at the final buzzer to win its first ever girls state championship; and

Whereas, Teamwork, outstanding coaching, a good set of play plans, athleticism, and that inner spirit to win all contributed

enormously to achieving a perfect 28-0 season capped off by winning the state championship and being ranked third in the nation for girls high school basketball: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to congratulate the Ben Davis High School Lady Giants on winning the 2000 Class 4A girls basketball state championship.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the members of the Ben Davis High School girls basketball team: Jessica Tucker, Amber Johnson, Adrienne Jones, Kristyn Cox, Ashley Allen, Jacquie Ritchie, Sara Strahm, Megan Jones, Kristin Van Valin, Shatonia Gilbert, Shyra Ely, Allie Holok, Shannon Schwettman, and Jessica Fetterman; and head coach Stan Bengé, assistant coach Dexter Suggs, assistant coach Terry Strahm, volunteer assistant coach Chrisy Taylor, strength coach Kevin Vanderbush, student trainer Ryan Fequay, manager Reena Patel, trainer Heather McGowan, athletic director Priscilla Dillon, assistant athletic director Doug Opel, the principal of Ben Davis High School, and the superintendent.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 40

The Speaker handed down Senate Concurrent Resolution 40, sponsored by Representative Goodin:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating Erin May as Indiana's top high school student volunteer, as recognized in the sixth annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

Whereas, Erin May, a student of Brownstown Central High School, has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by receiving a 2001 Prudential Spirit of the Community Award;

Whereas, This prestigious award, presented by The Prudential Insurance Company of America in partnership with the National Association of Secondary Principals, honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities;

Whereas, Erin earned this award by giving generously of her time and energy to integrate technology into her high school and her community by taking the initiative to develop a web site for her school. Her efforts have resulted in more than \$300,000 in technology grants, the creation of a school technology club (with Erin as president,) and heightened community awareness of the benefits of technology; and

Whereas, The success of the State of Indiana, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Erin, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

SECTION 1. The Indiana General Assembly hereby congratulates and honors Erin May as a recipient of a Prudential Spirit of the Community Award, and it recognizes her outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership and community spirit.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of the above resolution to Erin May; her mother, Donna Lowe; her father, Rob May; her stepmother, Sherri May; and Brownstown Central High School Principal Roger Bane.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 52

The Speaker handed down Senate Concurrent Resolution 52, sponsored by Representative Bodiker:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION to honor Ed Bailey on an exceptional professional baseball career and to recognize his lifetime dedication to community service.

Whereas, L. Edgar "Ed" Bailey, Jr., was a gifted athlete while at Rush Strong High School in Strawberry Plains, Tennessee, winning All-State honors in basketball and baseball. His exceptional athletic talents earned him a scholarship to attend the University of Tennessee;

Whereas, Solicited by Cincinnati Red Scout Paul Florence, Ed left the University of Tennessee after his freshman year to pursue a career in professional baseball;

Whereas, Upon signing a professional baseball contract in November of 1949, Ed launched his career in 1950 playing for Ogden, Utah and the Cincinnati Reds. However, at the conclusion of his first season, Ed's career was interrupted when he left to serve in the United States Infantry from 1951-1952;

Whereas, Upon his discharge from service, Ed returned to baseball, blasting 21 home runs for Tulsa in 1953, appearing in 73 games with Cincinnati in 1954, and playing with both San Diego and Cincinnati during the 1955 season;

Whereas, 1956 marked an exceptional season for Ed. While playing for the Cincinnati Reds, he hit 28 home runs, setting a new club record for Cincinnati catchers. Appearing in 118 games, Ed drove in 75 runs, was named "Sophomore of the Year," and was named catcher for the U.P.N.L. All-Star team;

Whereas, Ed enjoyed a long and successful baseball career, playing in five All-Star games and the 1962 World Series. Before retiring from baseball in 1966, Ed went on to play for the San Francisco Giants, Milwaukee Braves, Chicago Cubs and California Angels;

Whereas, Ed's achievements during his baseball career were recognized when he was inducted into both the Knoxville City and the Tennessee State Sports Halls of Fame;

Whereas, After retiring from baseball, Ed worked for Congressman John J. Duncan in the U.S. House of Representatives. Then, in 1978, he pursued a new career in public relations. Ed also served a term as a member of the Knoxville City Council; and

Whereas, Throughout his life, Ed Bailey has utilized his position as a public figure to promote cancer research and to help raise funds to support retired baseball players. He has also maintained an active role with the Cincinnati Reds and has frequently participated in baseball clinics for children: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the House of Representatives concurring:*

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes Ed Bailey's outstanding career as a professional baseball player and commends him for his continued service and contributions to the sport of baseball. We further applaud his commitment to promoting cancer research and supporting retired baseball players.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit copies of this resolution to Ed Bailey; his wife, Betty Lou Bailey; and their sons, Jeff, Joe, Jack and Jim Bailey.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 53

The Speaker handed down Senate Concurrent Resolution 53, sponsored by Representative Scholer:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION celebrating the use of technology in education for improved student learning success as demonstrated at *Buddy's Rotunda Day* in the Capitol on March 14, 2001.

Whereas, For over two decades, past and present General Assemblies of the State of Indiana have invested in development of

high technology initiatives to benefit student learning including, most recently, the Indiana Technology Fund that has supplemented Indiana school funding for technology and professional development;

Whereas, This has resulted in making Indiana one of the premier states in the nation for developing the first and best educational programs that incorporate innovative uses of technology;

Whereas, The Buddy System Project, originally established for the purpose of extending learning opportunities beyond the bounds of school time and place through the use of home-based technologies to meet curriculum goals, and is by far the largest project of its type. Buddy has forever altered the lives of over 30,000 students and their families, many of whom are socio-economically disadvantaged, and currently serves the teachers, students and families of 76 school communities across Indiana in one or more Buddy Project initiatives;

Whereas, Vision Athena distance learning initiative is the world's largest and arguably the best and most innovative public-switched, two-way video network over fiber serving 350 Indiana schools, museums, other cultural institutions, medical centers and universities, and provides in excess of 50,000 hours of interactive educational programming annually, taking students live and interactively across the globe, below the Atlantic Ocean to explore underwater life, to the Iditarod in Alaska, to classrooms in Europe, and many other fascinating venues;

Whereas, The Indiana Web Academy (IWA), a joint program of the Indiana Department of Education and the Intelnet Commission, was established in January of 1999 to empower educators, parents, and students to integrate technology into education, and is currently providing accredited professional development, certification programs, and technology resources to more than 100 schools across Indiana;

Whereas, The Indiana Department of Education has provided exemplary leadership for support and development of such innovative and collaborative programs as exemplified in the Indiana NEXT initiative to develop technology leadership skills among our school principals and superintendents;

Whereas, The Indiana Online Academy represents a new venture into the world of virtual online courses for high school students to engage in anytime, anywhere learning; and

Whereas, Indiana learning institutions continue to develop innovative tools and strategies for teaching and learning that incorporate effective uses of technology such as: The Indiana Council for Economic Education's Stock Market Game; the Indiana Technology Learning Center, My Target, CanalTrek, and Inspire: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the House of Representatives concurring:*

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly acknowledges the contributions of the above-mentioned programs, among the best in the nation, toward making Indiana a progressive leader in the integration of technology for continuous educational improvement.

SECTION 2. That the General Assembly of the State of Indiana commends the thousands of Indiana educators who are striving daily to integrate the power of technology for the advancement of student learning.

SECTION 3. That the General Assembly of the State of Indiana celebrates our students' success in learning about and with technology to ensure the well being of the great state of Indiana in the decades to come.

SECTION 4. That the Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Marvin Bailey of the Corporation for Educational Technology to reproduce and distribute among all organizations named herein.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were read a first time by title and referred to the respective committees:

SB 79 — Klinker, Harris, Bosma, Espich, Grubb (Ways and Means)

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

Pursuant to House Rule 60, committee meetings were announced.

On the motion of Representative GiaQuinta the House adjourned at 2:50 p.m., this thirteenth day of March, 2001, until Wednesday, March 14, 2001, at 1:00 p.m.

JOHN R. GREGG

Speaker of the House of Representatives

LEE ANN SMITH

Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives